PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Naomasa SHIRAISHI

Application No.: Rule 53(b) Continuation of 08/423,457 filed April 19, 1995

Filed: October 6, 2003 Docket No.: 032136.09

For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE METHOD WITH LUMINOUS FLUX DISTRIBUTION

(AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Remarks.